Female Workforce Participation Rate

Year	Sector	Female Workforce Participation rate
1972-73	Rural	31.8
	Urban	13.4
2004-05	Rural	32.7
	Urban	16.6

SOURCE: Table 27 of Women & Men in India 2006 (Central Statistical Organization)

Share of women employment out of total employment in organized sector

Year	Sector	% of women in total employment
1992	Public sector	12.8
	Private Sector	19.4
	Total	14.4
2004	Public Sector	15.9
	Private Sector	24.8
	Total	18.7

SOURCE: Table 31 of Women & Men in India 2006 (Central Statistical Organization)

Female Literacy Rate

Year	Female Literacy Rate
1951	8.86
2001	54.16

SOURCE: Table 62 of Women & Men in India 2006 (Central Statistical Organization)

Regularizing services of Anganwadi Workers

1467. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Workers all over the country, category-wise;

(b) the salary of Anganwadi Workers, category-wise;

(c) the hours of duty to be performed by an Anganwadi Workers; and

(d) whether Government has any plan to regularize the services of Anganwadi Workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The number of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) as on 30.06.2007 are as under:

AWWs - 839197

AWHs - 826446

(b) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme envisages the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Helpers (AWHs) as "honorary workers" from the local community. However, in order to give recognition to their voluntary efforts, they are paid a monthly honorarium, as decided by the Government from time to time. The honorarium being paid to Anganwadi Workers, out of grant-in-aid released by the Government of India, ranges from Rs. 938/- to Rs. 1063 per month, depending upon their qualification and experience, as given below:-

Qualification	Honorarium
Non-matriculate	Rs. 938/-
Matriculate	Rs. 1000/-
Non-matriculate with 5 yrs. Experience	Rs. 969/-
Matriculate with 5 yrs. Experience	Rs.1031/-
Non-matriculate with 10 yrs. Experience	Rs. 1000/-
Matriculate with 10 yrs. Experience	Rs. 1063/-

Anganwadi Helpers are paid an honorarium of Rs. 500/- per month. Further, some States are also paying additional honorarium/monetary incentives to Anganwadi Workers/Helpers, for work other than ICDS, out of their own resources.

(c) The working hours of Anganwadi Workers on an average are 4 to 5 hours per day in most of the States.

(d) There is no such plan under consideration of the Government, at present.

Delays in adoption of children

1468. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minsiter of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are long and frequent delays relating to adoption of children, as only 222 adoption took place, in 2006 and about 1200 families are waiting in the line;

(b) if so, whether the Central Adoption Resource Authority is drafting comprehensive guidelines, aiming at shortening the waiting period and mitigating illegal adoptions; and

(c) whether the guidelines provide safeguards against such illegal adoptions and trafficking, which are surfacing frequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.